

## ESE 123 Syllabus for fall 2024

### Objectives:

ESE123 is an introductory course intended to introduce students to basic electrical engineering concepts, equipment usage, circuit assembly, programming, and laboratory procedures. Our primary interest will be in developing familiarity with the basic tools of the working engineer: test equipment, simulation software, coding, and circuit construction. You have another seven semesters to fill in the details. We will not cover topics in depth, but we will cover a vast breadth of material.

You will get to experience the thrill and challenge of building a working circuit, as well as the despair of code that doesn't work. The class is centered on building and programming a microcontroller based smart USB charger with an integrated digital clock. We will discuss engineering careers, and we will try to answer the most important question of the course: is an engineering career right for you?

There is no text for the class.

**Course Learning Outcomes:** After completing this course, you should be able to:

1. Analyze simple circuits
2. Demonstrate proficiency in the use of electrical test equipment
3. Demonstrate basic circuit assembly techniques
4. Utilize computer automated design (CAD) tools to model circuits
5. Describe how example circuits work and calculate component values
6. Perform some basic embedded system programming

### Topics:

The course will be presented in three main sections as outlined below. Within each section multiple sub topics will be explored:

- Use of laboratory equipment and basic circuit theory
  - Electrical units (volt, amp, ohm, watt, coulomb, hertz)
  - Conductors, insulators, and semiconductors
  - Laboratory safety and procedures
  - Use of lab power supply, digital multimeter, function generator, and oscilloscope
  - Ohm's law
  - Series and parallel connections
  - Power dissipation in a resistor
  - Kirchhoff's voltage and current laws
  - Soldering and prototyping
  - Circuit simulation software
- Construction and evaluation of a smart USB power supply
  - Operational amplifiers
  - Current sense amplifiers
  - Field effect transistors as switches

- Construction and programming of a digital clock
  - Digital logic levels
  - Digital representation of numbers
  - Microcontrollers
  - Elements of C programming
  - Display multiplexing
  - Pushbutton interfaces

### **Laboratory work:**

Modern engineering is very much a team activity, and you will be working in the laboratory in groups of two. Most laboratory assignment consists of a prelab assignment that must be completed before the laboratory section begins and a laboratory procedure that will be followed during the lab. The lab procedure will be made available on Brightspace.

After the completion of the lab, the lab group will answer the questions presented in the laboratory procedure. The prelab assignments and answers to the lab questions will be submitted via Brightspace for grading.

### **Lecture & quizzes:**

Lecture attendance is required. The lectures will be recorded and made available on Brightspace for later review or if you miss a class. The lectures will not be live streamed. There will be occasional in-class quizzes during the semester. The lowest quiz score will be dropped.

### **Exams:**

There will be a midterm exam and a final exam. The midterm exam will be held in-person in our regular classroom during our regular class time and will be delivered via brightspace. The date of the midterm will be announced in class. You will need a working device to connect to brightspace. The final exam will be held in our regular room on December 11<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

Course materials and lecture videos will be posted on brightspace.

### **Grading:**

The grading will be broken down as follows:

Weekly laboratory assignments:	40%
Quizzes:	10%
Midterm 1	20%
Final exam:	30%

### **Schedule:**

The lecture meets from 5:30 pm to 6:50 pm on Mondays and Wednesdays in Frey Hall 100.

The laboratories will be conducted in Light Engineering room 283. The laboratory sections will begin meeting on September 10<sup>th</sup>.

My office hours will be on Monday from 1:30 pm until 2:30 pm and on Wednesday from 6:30 pm until 8:30 pm in Light Engineering 143. I will be happy to meet with students at other times by appointment.

Each of the Teaching Assistants will also hold office hours that will be posted on Brightspace.

### Lab schedule

Week	Lab topic
1	No labs this week
2	No labs this week
3	DC power and ohm's law
4	DMM
5	SPICE and soldering
6	Function generator and oscilloscope
7	Capacitors and oscilloscope 2
8	Operational amplifier
9	Buzzer (assembly)
10	SOS (C compiler)
11	Stopwatch
12	Oscillators
13	Clock
14	Analog to digital converter

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